

My name is Margarita Cabrera, Parent facilitator in Smalley Academy in New Britain. As a Parent Facilitator, I am very well aware of the needs of our families and their children. Day by day, I meet parents with the same concerns and interests for the welfare and future of their children. I often hear them say, "But the lack of resources in our schools year after year is causing for this children to get behind academically." To cover their basic needs, and have a good foundation and a good future, parents ask me why their kids do not have the same facilities or opportunities that the rest of the children from other surrounding communities. Many of our parents are aware that surrounding towns have classes with 16 students while their children are in class sizes of 27- 30 student. Their children need intensive support in Reading and math, however they are receiving little to no assistance. Parents care and want their children to succeed academically, however the lack of resources year after year in our schools is devastating.

Therefore we the parents of Smalley Academy in New Britain ask you to reconsider the Governor's budget proposal as it will continue to create a bigger achievement gap in our state by not providing \$ to the communities that need it the most. Please give the same educational opportunity that other children in the surrounding communities are receiving to our children in New Britain Public Schools and increase our educational budget. Attached please find the Smalley parents that have signed a petition asking that New Britain children be provided with the resources they need to be College and Career

Petition from Smalley parents to reconsidered

The Governor's Educational Proposal.

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Leannette Lopez	Leannette Lopez
Roberto Lopez	Roberto Lopez
Alexander Rodriguez	Alexander Rodriguez
Michelle Gomez	Michelle Gomez
Ricardo Gomez	Ricardo Gomez
Izabella Rodriguez	Izabella Rodriguez
Monica Perez	Monica Perez
Rafael Gonzalez	Rafael Gonzalez
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Jorge Torres	Fabrizio Ortiz
Kalyn Ruiz	
William Perez	
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Cynthia Medina	
Madeline Jimenez	
Samuel Morales	
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Carlos A. Rivera	
Sonia Rodriguez	
Betsy Hernandez	
Giulia Kiefer	
Blanca Soto	
Veronica Arroyo	
Laura Melendez	
Hector De Jesus	
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Ernesto Gonzalez	
Cassandra Navarro	